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April 2006 Minutes

VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2006 MEETING *(revised)*

In attendance: Jane Howard, Joey Glushko, Gene Benson, Dave Berry, Bettie Connors, Andrew Fischer, Gordon Jamieson, Elizabeth Karpati, Leslie Mayer.

- The **minutes** of the March meeting were approved with one correction (*Clare Gordon's last name was missing from the printed minutes*).
- **Standing Committee changes:** Kevin Greeley is the new representative from the Board of Selectmen; Clare Gordon from the Diversity Task Group. Joshua Lobel replaces Ed Starr as a citizen representative. Dave Berry was introduced as a new member of the Planning and Community Development staff.
- **Warrant Articles:** #15 was postponed to the next Selectmen's meeting. #24, already approved by the Selectmen, was presented at the Warrant Review by Alan Tosti of the Fin Com. It calls for a \$15,000 appropriation this year regardless of whether the home-rule request to establish a permanent fund passes.
- **Census Survey:** 3199 responses received (second highest ever); 700 yet to be entered. The Town has equipment to scan next year's responses.

Task Group Reports:

- **Environment - Sustainable Arlington:** The draft of Part I of the ASAP (Sustainability Action Plan), dealing mostly with energy, is ready to be presented to the Selectmen, then to a public meeting. On May 2 there will be a presentation for the public on wind power.
- **Environment - Reservoir:** Suzanne McLeod is organizing an Earth Day cleanup on April 22. Arlington and Weston & Sampson won a gold-level award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for the dam project; sustainability and community involvement were important factors in the award.
- **Environment - Spy Pond:** Phase 2 of the Rt. 2 path project will take place on May 13, 9:30-3:30, preceded by coffee for abutters at 9. Prisoners were supposed to be sent to pick up trash on the highway side of the path but they didn't show up. Ownership of the sliver of land at the end of Spy Pond Parkway seems uncertain - MassHighway or the old St. Jerome's property? The Town is considering applying for a grant to get the sandbar removed; Gene gave Joey all the relevant materials he had.
- **Diversity:** There was a very moving presentation on April 10 on the tour of Holocaust sites by Arlington High School students last year.
- **Events:** Warrant Review was held April 18, attended by about 65-70 people. State of the Town will be given at 7 p.m. Monday, April 24. The Selectmen will ask the MWRA to send a representative in September for a presentation and hearing. The MBTA may be asked next year.

Town Hall Topics:

- The Spy Pond Park reopening celebration will be held Sunday, April 30, 3-6 p.m. McClennen Park will open in June.
- The Symmes project is moving forward now that agreement has been reached with the litigants. The number of units has been reduced to 200, the height to 4 stories above ground.
- The revamped Town website will incorporate the Vision 2020 site, listing all task groups, with links to the separate sites of some groups. Meeting notices (but not agendas) and minutes will have to be posted, with dates including the year.